

**MICHIGAN HOMES FOR VETERANS**  
**Board of Managers Minutes**  
**October 16, 2014**

The 1406<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by Manager Cool, Chair pro tem.

**PRESENT: Managers:**

Gerald Cool, Chair pro tem	(DAV)
Robert Johnson, Secretary	(The American Legion)
Lino Pretto, Member	(Independent)
Ernest Meyers, Sr., Member	(VFW)
Marita Okerstrom, Member	(Independent)

**EXCUSED:** Mary Wilseck and James Ausdemore

**GUESTS:** Kim Olinger, Robert Ashworth and Robert Johnson.

Also present at the meeting: Sara Dunne, Administrator, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, Brad Slagle, Administrator, D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Jim Dunn, Deputy Director, MVAA, Eric Alderman, Director of Operations, Joe Froehlich, Assistant Attorney General, Phil Yeiter, Process Improvement/Contract Compliance Officer, Peter Vu, Chaplain, Michael Fuhrman, Accounting Manager, David Mayer, Accountant and Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

The invocation was given by Father Peter Vu.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meetings Act – on the bulletin board in the corridor adjacent to the volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the lobby of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Alderman introduced Michael Fuhrman the new Accounting Manager that took over Karen Thompson's position after retirement and David Mayer the new

Accountant that took over Robert Porter's position after retirement. Board welcomed both gentlemen.

## **II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Manager Meyers, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers on September 18, 2014 with the correction of the spelling of Marita Okerstrom name. All present approved, motion carried.

## **III. POLICY REVIEW**

### *BP-001 – Application for Admission Processing*

Motion made by Manager Johnson to approve Policy #BP-001 as presented, supported by Manager Pretto. All present approved, motion carried.

### *BP-006 – Proration*

Motion made by Manager Johnson to approve Policy #BP-006 as presented, supported by Manager Okerstrom. All present approved, motion carried.

### *BP-009 – Involuntary Transfer/Discharge*

Motion made by Manager Johnson to approve Policy #BP-009 as presented, supported by Manager Meyers. All present approved, motion carried.

### *BP-017 – Divestment of Assets/Restriction of Assets*

Motion made by Manager Johnson to approve Policy #BP-017 as presented, supported by Manager Okerstrom. All present approved, motion carried.

### *BP-018 – Maintenance Deficit Policy*

Motion made by Manager Johnson to approve Policy #BP-018 as presented, supported by Manager Okerstrom. All present approved, motion carried.

## **IV. ASSESSMENTS, REASSESSMENTS AND ADMISSIONS AND POPULATION REPORT – GRAND RAPIDS**

Motion made by Manager Pretto to accept the Assessments, Reassessments, Admission and Population Reports as presented, supported by Manager, Meyers. All present approved, motion carried.

**V. FINANCIAL ISSUES – GRAND RAPIDS**

**Board & State Funds**

Motion made by Manager Pretto, supported by Manager Meyers to accept the status reports for the In-House Funds, State of Changes in Fund Balances, Cash Donations, Revenue and Expenditure Reports and the Budget Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

**VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Motion made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Okerstrom to accept the Administrator's and Division Reports as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Board stressed how they enjoyed the individual reports from the different managers and executive staff at the last meeting.

Administrator, Sara Dunne reported:

- Behavioral Care Solutions continues to provide psychiatric services to our members.
- Held four Town hall meetings with staff on September 3, 2014 to share updates and new information.
- Attended the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Program provided here at the Home by Pam Collier, MSW.
- The Home will have a Life Safety Code Inspection on October 28, 2014.
- The Home has revamped the process for members to receive their absentee ballots. The Home is also looking at making the absentee ballot a part of the admission package.
- The influenza program is in full force for members and staff.
- Dr. Skendzel from D.J. Jacobetti completed a peer review of medical care at GRHV.

**VII. ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENTS, REASSESSMENTS AND ADMISSIONS AND POPULATION REPORT – MARQUETTE**

Motion made by Manager Meyers, supported by Manager Okerstrom to accept the Assessments, Reassessments, Admission and Population Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL ISSUES – MARQUETTE**

### **Board & State Funds**

Motion made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Pretto to accept the status reports for the In-House Funds, State of Changes in Fund Balances, Cash Donations, Revenue and Expenditure Reports and the Budget Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

## **IX. COMMANDANT'S REPORT**

Motion made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Pretto to approve the Commandant's Report as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Administrator, Brad Slagle reported:

- Finished the fiscal year with a 191 total census. Nursing is 97% full and Domiciliary is at the highest occupancy we've had in a long time.
- Wrapping up FY14 expenditures and closing out FY 14 purchase orders.
- Current project work to be complete by the end of October and we are scheduled to move back into the offices the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> presented information about the Home at a Veterans Forum in Iron River.

## **X. DIVISION REPORTS**

Motion made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the Division Reports as presented. All present approved, motion carried.

Administrator, Brad Slagle reported:

- We continue to have a large number of falls.
- We have been experiencing a significant increase in our domiciliary referrals and admissions. We anticipate this to be temporary as veterans work on obtaining employment and other benefits.

- We have witnessed some positive interactions with the Music and Memory program.

#### **XI. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Motion made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Okerstrom to accept the Department of Military Affairs Update as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Jim Dunn, Deputy Director MVAA reported:

- MVAA will be sponsoring a Detroit Veteran Expo and Job Fair November 7-8, 2014.
- Suggested to the Board that they hold their February 2015 Board Meeting in Lansing at the MVAA office. Invite some of the legislators for a meet and greet session with the Board.

#### **XII. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UPDATE**

Motion made by Manager Meyers, supported by Manager Okerstrom to approve the Assistant General's Update as will be given. All present approved, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General, Joseph Froehlich reported:

- The litigation employment dispute case he has been working on for D.J. Jacobetti has ended and Jacobetti won.
- Passed out a new Michigan Guide to Military Family Law and a new Michigan Military and Veterans Legal Service Guide that he has been involved in developing.
- There is a new 211 Veterans Referral program that veterans' can contact for help relating to any type of housing problem.

#### **XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**Grand Rapids** – The November Board of Managers meeting will be held November 19, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m. at the *Mayflower-Lt Gamble VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.*

**Marquette** – None

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Grand Rapids** – There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony Program at the Home on November 11, 2014.

Board of Managers Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Tillman's Restaurant.

**Marquette** – Manager Okerstrom will represent the Board at the Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2014.

#### **XV. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Manager Meyers stated that American Legion Post #182 has a check for the Home and he will try to send someone to go and pick it up.

Administrator, Brad Slagle thanked Manager Meyers VFW for the winter socks and underwear donation they received.

#### **XVI. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

Closing prayer was given by Brad Slagle.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

#### **2014 BOARD MEETING DATES**

1. Wednesday, November 19, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m. at the Mayflower – Lt Gamble VFW Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, Plymouth, MI.
2. Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

#### **2015 BOARD MEETING DATES**

1. *No Meeting in January 2015.*
2. February 2015 – Date & Time to be announced and meeting to be held in Lansing, MI.
3. Thursday, March 19, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

4. Thursday, April 16, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Marquette, MI.
5. Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
6. Thursday, June 18, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapid Home for Veterans.
7. Thursday, July 9, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Marquette, MI.
8. *No Meeting in August 2015.*
9. Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
10. Thursday, October 15, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
11. Thursday, November 19, 201 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
12. Thursday, December 17, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED PURSUANT TO ACT 267 OF THE  
PUBLIC ACTS OF 1976 – THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Approved by:

  
Robert L. Johnson, Secretary Board of Managers

11-19-14

Date